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REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)

11. (C) The Ambassador conveyed reftel points to MFA Secretary for Arab Affairs (A/S-equivalent) Muhammad Taher Siala on January 13, underscoring the importance of supporting the Egyptian-Israeli dialogue, avoiding any diplomatic activity that undermines Egypt's efforts and calling for a responsible approach to regional economic integration at the upcoming Arab Economic Summit in Kuwait. Siala took our points onboard, but cautioned that there was confusion among Arab League (AL) member states since their understanding was that there were invitations to two separate emergency meetings on Gaza: an Arab League Ministerial meeting to be held in Kuwait on January 16, and a second "extraordinary summit" of AL leaders, to be held in Qatar